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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 4465

FROM AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS, VT

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES-BOAT CASES

REF: ROME 15480 (1976), STATE 217215 (1976)

1. FOLLOWING OUR CONTACTS WITH VATICAN IN ACCORD
REFTELS, THE VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED
CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION TO PAPAL REPRESENTATIVES IN
COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASSYLUM AND TRADITIONAL
IMMIGRATION ON THE PROBLEM RELATING TO INDOCHINESE
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REFUGEES, URGING A MORE GENEROURS RESPONSE TO THE
UNHCR APPEAL.

2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, VATOFF RELAYED TO
US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF
VATICAN EFFORT:

A. INDONESIA-FOLLOWING VATICAN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT OF UNHCR APPEAL, DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A "CENTER" FOR REFUGEES NEAR MEDAN IN ISLAND SUMATRA.

B. THAILAND-EXPRESSED ITSELF DISPOSED TO ASSIST FURTHER PROVIDED THERE WAS A MORE GENEROUS ATTITUDE BY POTENTIAL IMMIGRATION COUNTRIES.

C. BRAZIL-INDICATED ITS READINESS TO GIVE GENEROUS CONSIDERATION TO "EVENTUAL REQUESTS" BY REFUGEES FOR SETTLEMENT IN BRAZIL.

D. AUSTRALIA-EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL NEW REFUGEES BUT WAS UNWILLING TO RECEIVE ANY WHO HAD ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES ELSEWHERE.

E. CANADA-HAVING ALREADY ADMITTED SOME 6,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES BY OCTOBER 1976, ON BASIS VATICAN APPEAL, DECIDED TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL 180.

F. ITALY- STATED THAT IN VIEW OF ITS ECONOMIC SITUATION, IT WAS ONLY WILLING TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY REFUGEE PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, PENDING THEIR DEFINITIVE IMMIGRATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

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4. SINCE VATICAN IS DISPOSED TO ASSIST FURTHER IN THIS MATTER, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH US TO RE-ENGAGE VATICAN'S ASSISTANCE WHEN IT PERCEIVES DESIRABLE OPPORTUNITIES. BEAUDRY UNQUOTE VANCE

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